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1. US to delay Trieste governor appointment—The Department of State has recommended that the US delegation to the UN continue to forestall efforts by the Security Council to choose a governor for Trieste and that the delegation should charge Yugoslavia with failure to observe fundamental human rights in its zone. The Department considers that US policy in Trieste cannot be crystallized until after the Italian April elections but stresses that the US does not "intend to see Trieste fall into Yugoslav hands."

EUROPE

- 2. ITALY: Measures proposed to defeat Communism in Italy—US Ambassador Dunn has suggested that the US take the following measures in order to assure the defeat of the Communists in the Kalian April elections: (a) continued support of the present Government, including the sending of sufficient wheat to prevent a reduction in the bread rations prior to the elections; (b) the prompt dispatch of military equipment to Italy; (c) the allotment of campaign funds to the Socialist Party of Italian Workers which alone appears capable of weaning workers away from the Communists; and (d) a further statement of US policy toward Italy designed to convince the Italians that they cannot "combine the advantages of aid from the West with that of political safety and benefits from the Soviet Union."
- 3. BELGIUM: Spaak believes firmness toward USSR succeeding-Prime Minister Spaak has expressed to US Charge Millard in Brussels the following views concerning the USSR: (a) the policy

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of firmness toward the Soviet Union is succeeding and must be continued; (b) the USSR seems to be "showing signs of fear," and the Soviet position is defensive; (c) although the Soviet ambition regarding the Turkish Straits remains, the USSR does not wish now to conquer all Europe; and (d) Greece must be held at all costs.

TAR EAST

4. FRENCH INDOCHINA: Possible arbitration in Vietnam disputerThe Assistant Naval Attache in Bangkok has received the impless on in a conversation with the chief of the French Surete that liberal French officials in Indochina might accept US arbitration in the French-Vietnam dispute.